

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the application and stand rejected. After the Notice of Appeal and after receiving the Advisory Action of June 20, 2009 Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), ending the Appeal. With this amendment, the claims are amended to overcome the outstanding § 112 rejections. Claims 1-11 are amended and new claims 18-21 are added. Upon entry of the amendments, Claims 1-11 and 18-21 remain pending.

No new matter is added by way of the amendments. Applicants respectfully request their entry.

REJECTIONS UNDER § 112

The only rejections remaining are those under § 112 of the Final Rejection. Applicants have amended the claims, obviating the rejections. Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the discussion above, Applicants believe that claims 1-11 and 18-21 are in an allowable condition and respectfully request an early Notice of Allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if that would be helpful to resolving any issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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